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Helen Slade with a picture of Dagny and Jess.

Up for adoption

A dog named Jess

By TERRY MOORE
Staff Writer

Jessica Tate needs a new home.

She is not the voluptuous character from the television program, Soap. This Jessica — Jess for short — is a well-behaved lovable mongrel.

Her owner, Helen Slade, full-time Niagara business communications teacher and entrepreneur running a Niagara Falls bakery, spends most of her evenings and weekends at the bakery, which "isn't fair to the dog...she is not getting enough attention."

Mrs. Slade has asked family and friends to take Jess in, but no one can. She actually belongs to Mrs. Slade's daughter who attends the University of Toronto, but students living in residence cannot have pets.

Mrs. Slade called the Humane Society, which suggested calling two other agencies, but "... both leads were dead ends."

Although Jess, who, at age two, won best dog in a 1987 St. Catharines pet show, is a mongrel, she is a "highly intelligent, adaptable, very, very nice dog." Mrs. Slade has had Jess since the dog was three weeks old. Being the runt of the litter, Jess was neglected by her mother, who had many puppies. For the first part of Jess's life, Mrs. Slade fed her from a doll's bottle.

Mrs. Slade said she wants to see Jess in a family which has older teenagers and a big yard. "I'm not going to give her away just like that." Mrs. Slade said she would help to integrate Jess into her new environment.

"Although she is a small dog, she is not a barker." She is house trained and "gives a little yip to get out and a little yip to get in. She is a nice, quiet dog."

Jess, who knows how to do everything but sit up and beg, has never bitten anyone.

"She's always been very gentle, and we've been gentle in return."

She's been taught and disciplined through hand signals. "I would put my little finger gently around her snout... she knew I was the boss from then on."

She is healthy and active and a very good watchdog. "She barks if she doesn't recognize footsteps."

Mrs. Slade said she will have Jess completely checked by a veterinarian before she leaves for her new home.

Jess has "beautiful black and beige-white markings, white feet, and a white-tipped tail. Her gentle nature and her intelligence are her most outstanding features... we will all miss her a great deal."

To inquire about adopting Jess, contact Mrs. Slade, Ext. 716, S104, Simcoe building.

Faculty withdraws from budget talks

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

Three faculty members resigned from the Budget Committee last week charging that the administration wanted only "token involvement."

Barry Sharpe, vice-president of the faculty union, said faculty representatives withdrew their support when "it became clear that while the committee provided the opportunity to gain some information, and had some influence on the budget process, critical decisions are still being made by administration,"

Referring to the difference between involvement and participation he said, "It appears the faculty are interested in truly participating and what administration wants is token involvement." He said faculty's advice was "completly ignored" on some decisions regarding budget recommendations.

Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration and budget committee chairman, said that though the concerns they raised were "valid," it is not possible for the committee to respond to only one part of the representation, there has to be collectivity of thinking."

He said the committee was established "to make recommendations to Jacqueline Robarts, college president, then, in turn — with the POC — take the recommendations, coupled with our own views of the situation, and to make recommendations to the board as to how we would proceed."

"I had to go to the board with the combination of budget committee's position and my position of what had to be done...ultimately, as vice-president, administration, I have to take responsibility of how the college must deal with the budget."

UNFAIR RATIO

Mr. Sharpe said faculty members believed the mandate of the committee — "formed...with the stated objective of providing advice and assistance to the college in developing its financial plan for the coming years and, in particular, the 1989/90 year" — would be "more wide-ranging and oriented to a long-term solution to our financial problems."Although the report has "good elements," it "focuses almost exclusively on a handful of short-term cost-cutting ideas. Our people were a bit disappointed that they weren't able to work at that level."

Mr. Sharpe said faculty members were also discontented about an unbalanced ratio of faculty and support staff to administrative employees, calling it an "administration committee with some faculty and support staff." The committee was made up of chairman, 12 administration, three faculty and two support staff.

Support staff representation has undergone changes, with Meg Rose, support staff president; and Pat Clay, secretary treasurer, replacing the former representatives. This decision was reached "in case there are any repercussions over the end result of the budget committee's recommendations to the board," Mrs. Rose said. "We feel that the volunteers shouldn't take any flak, that should be for the president of the union."

The Budget Report will be presented to the budget committee this afternoon. They will have about a week to examine it before it goes to POC — comprising Miss Robarts, Mr. van der Slagt, and Dr. Tony Knowles, vice president of academics — which will consider the recommendations. If they seem to be "appropriate" and "reasonable," the committee will bring them forward to the board, Mr. van der Slagt said.

'Too few teachers,' BTSD protest

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

Basic Training and Skills Development students at the St. Catharines campus are getting tired of asking their little sisters and brothers with help on their homework. "The problem is there are not enough teachers and we're not learning anything," Lissa Haynes, BTSD student, said.

Lissa drafted a letter which outlined the concerns of BTSD students at the St. Catharines campus. The letter was sent to Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics; Tony Backler, chairman in charge of BTSD, and Sam Torlone, of the Canada Employment Centre.

"Their complaint is certainly something which is legitimate comment," Mr. Backler said. "I was only made aware of the situation nine or 10 days ago. We got a short-term solution in place and I'm trying to work on a long-term solution." The Canada Employment Centre is aware of the problem.

"We would like to state that we are here to learn and better ourselves, our lives and our futures. Instead, we find ourselves frustrated, aggravated and feeling foolish as we ask our children, friends and younger siblings for help in our courses," the letter read.

LISTS COMPLAINTS

In it the students complain: more teachers are needed; class sizes are too small; workloads placed on teachers are unreasonable; students are helped on a first-come, first-served basis; the students are trying to teach themselves and teach those students who are in the lower levels, and the time alloted for any units is impossible to complete.

Essentially we have funding that pays for one teacher on a yearly basis," Mr. Backler said. "If I put in a second teacher I would not be funded for it. You're coming up against the political side of things. If the government is not prepared to fund, what do we do?"

The program is funded by the federal government through Manpower and the Canada Employment Centre, Mr. Backler said. It will have lists of people who want upgrading or specific training and it purchases seats. The program is continuous intake which means that the program is taking in new students all the time. Students in the program enter at different levels from two to four.

ALL SIGNED

"I wrote up a letter with the class concerns and the entire class, except for one, signed,"Lissa said. "We even got people who had been previously in BTSD to sign the letter." There was close to 30 names on the petition.

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Inside the News

Terrorist attack

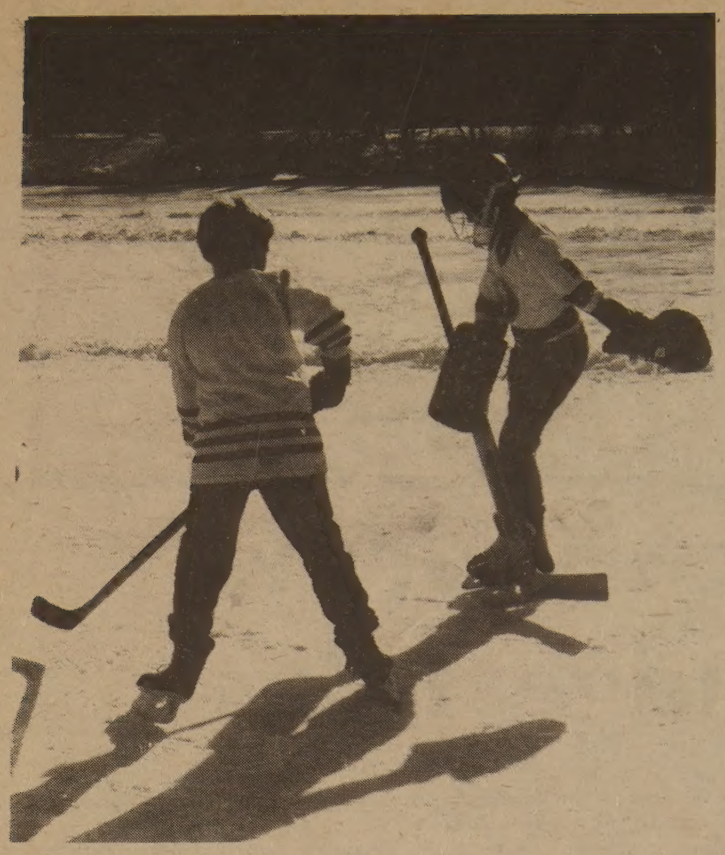
A band of 'terrorists' strike the Fine Arts Centre, in an attempt to publicize their grievances.

For story and pictures, see page 3.

Volleyball

The Women's Volleyball squad retains second place in the OCAA after a 3-3 showing in last weekend's Sudbury tournament.

For story and picture, see page 10.



He shoots, he scores!

These boys, playing pick-up hockey at Dufferin Islands last Sunday afternoon, have the spirit an exuberance students at Niagara College seem to be without. Opportunities to re-live those golden days of youth will come during SAC-sponsored Wintercourse, hitting the college next week. Beginning Monday, sporting events, road trips and pubs, will allow students to shrug off the January Blues and have some fun. Although student interest in Wintercourse seems to be at a low, SAC hopes more people will get involved and participate in events.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

PITCH-IN

Wintercourse 1989: search for the elusive 'Blue'

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff writer

Something happened to him out there in the "Blue Zone", as he referred to it later. To some, Blue is just another color, a bad frame of mind, even a liquid refreshment by Labatt's. To him, however, Blue became an obsession.

It started in January 1989 — the 30th day to be exact, a Monday. He awoke, feeling somewhat depressed. He had oodles of homework piling up in this, his final term at Niagara College, but he had a more pressing problem — making it through **Wintercourse '89** on $5 a day.

The Blue problem began when he registered for the **3-Day Scavenger Hunt**. He was instructed to find Blue. Just plain Blue, find Blue. How could he find a color? Steal a Maple Leaf jersey? Raid a paint factory? Grab a piece of the sky? He was at a loss.

The **Snow King / Queen Contest** was a breeze, as was the **Pub at Gilligans**, where he did see a lot of Blue, but the bottled variety.

Tuesday dawned fuzzy, but he soon clicked into gear through **Golf**, **Euchre**, and a **Hot Chocolate Chugging Contest**. Rumour spread throughout the day that Blue had been sighted on the American side of the ditch. A road trip to **The Bakery**, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., was in order. More bottles, but no Blue.

He felt rather blue Wednesday morning, as he put on sun glasses and a hat, and why not a tie to match. Just by pure coincidence he fit in at school — afterall, it was **Tacky Hat and Tie Day**.

Reggae boosted sagging spirits, as did the **Sno-Splash** at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. The **3-Day Scavenger Hunt** was over, and no Blue.

Obsession does funny things to people. As Thursday morning dawned, fuzzier than ever, he decided to find Blue, at all costs.

Determination fired upon his brow, he burned through **Sno-Pitch**, **Ping-Pong**, **Blind Volleyball**, and **Football**. He danced through **Jimi Avon's** cafeteria performance and prepared himself for a trip to Steeltown.

It was when he arrived at **Don Cherry's Grapevine**, that he felt near his blue quest. Blue was here — he knew it, he could feel it.

Surrounded by immortalized Bruins, he glanced past Don's ego and saw what he thought was Spuds McKenzie — and he knew his quest was over. There was Blue, licking his chops, scratching at pesky fleas, oblivious to the heat of the T.V. camera lighting. Blue — yes Don Cherry's companion, Blue.

He still wonders now, even 20 years later, whether Blue knew what was going down. Blue looked up, smiled — his white fangs like diamonds in the light — and winked. By George, he actually winked. Even Don noticed — his lips stopped flapping, for a second or two.

Jello Eating, Friday morning, was a slippery challenge, as was **Milk Chugging**, but the real fun was the **Polar Bear Dip in Lake Erie**. **Wintercourse 1989** was a success, he thought as he dipped his lily-white body into the industrial toilet known as Lake Erie.

It was then he saw Blue, backstroking his way toward Buffalo, with at least 15 bikini-clad women in tow — and it wasn't a surprise this time, when he gave an over-exaggerated wink and waved his paw good-bye.

Repro-super not replaced

The reprographics supervisor will probably not be replaced.

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said it is her "understanding that George Rushton is not going to be replaced."

"They require a different piece of equipment — a newer machine," she said. "We don't have to have someone with Mr. Rushton's qualifications to work with the newer equipment."

Mr. Rushton is resigning Jan. 27 after 11 years at the college.

ATTENTION STUDENTS !!

WINTERCOURSE 1989

MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
JAN. 30	JAN. 31	FEB. 1	FEB. 2	FEB.3
- 3 DAY SCAVENGER HUNT BEGINS -SNOW KING / QUEEN CONTEST - PUB AT GILLIGANS	- GOLF -EUCHRE -HOT CHOCOLATE CHUGGING CONTESTS -ROAD TRIP TO BAKERY, NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. ($20 OPEN BAR & FOOD)	-TACKIE HAT AND TIE DAY REGGAE SNO-SPLASH WITH MESSENJAH 8:00 P.M. IN CAF	-SNO PITCH -PING PONG -BLIND VOLLEYBALL -FOOTBALL CONTESTS 12:00 - JIMI AVON IN CAF - ROAD TRIP DON CHERRY'S GRAPEVINE $6	- JELLO EATING - MILK CHUGGING POLAR BEAR DIP IN LAKE ERIE

SEE SAC FOR DETAILS !!

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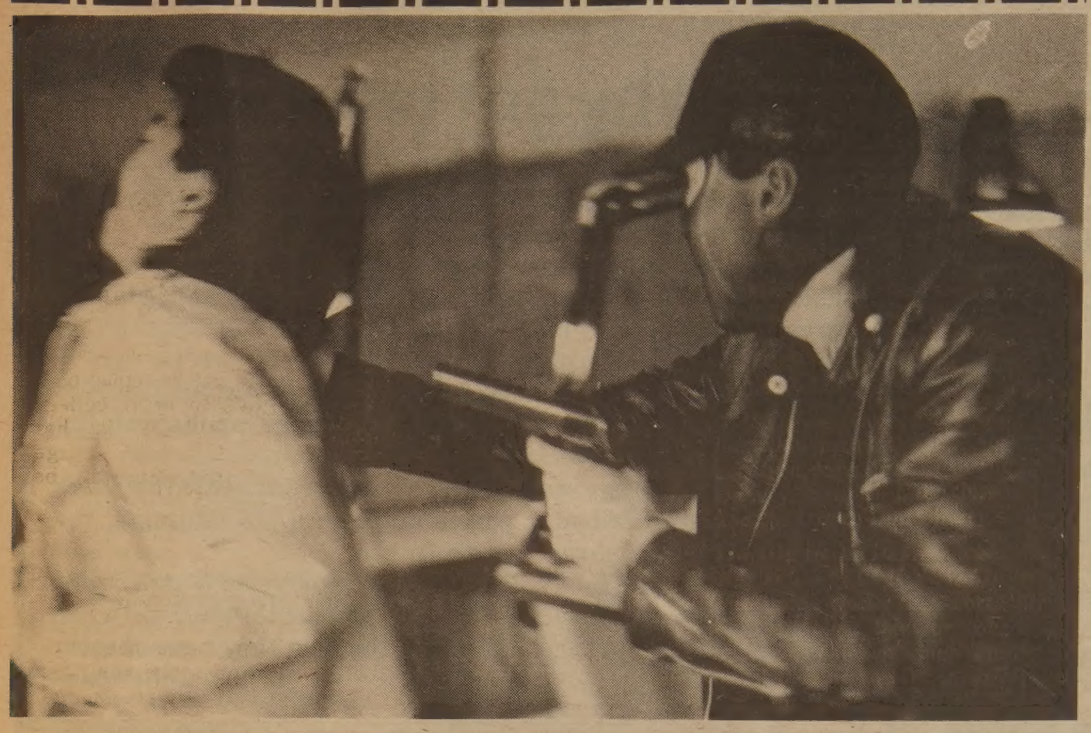

Violent seizure at gunpoint of a hostage by one of the desperate 'terrorists' who took the Fine Arts Centre by storm Wednesday. The attack at 11:10 a.m. caught students and faculty completely by surprise. Handguns, like this one were fully loaded with water and paint.

Fatigues, face mask and ALF armbands were donned by the "terrorists." They hold one of the several students hostage in the secret bunker-studio, near the climax of the action. True identities of the insurgents may never be known.

So-called terrorists attack Centre, but no make-believe in demands

Story and Pictures by
GAIL ATKINSON and
BLAIR BURGESS

Fourteen camouflaged terrorists demanding an end to "neglect and lack of consideration," attacked the Niagara Fine Arts Centre on Empire Street on Wednesday and held students and faculty hostage.

The Artists Liberation Front was formed in desperation, according to its leader, Hard Ric Robeson, who said, "We are an anonymous underground organization pushed to the surface, over the edge." After the siege, he outlined demands which ranged from improved communications with the main campus to toilet paper in the washrooms.

The hostages — two faculty, Marci Ditor of the centre, and Pat Menon, English teacher — and about 12 students, were released after about an hour.

The early Wednesday Welland calm was shattered like a bullet ripping through a military target. ALF hit its target with deadly synchronicity at 11:10 a.m.

NO ESCAPE

The attack was immediately successful as the force tore into an occupied portable and a large studio simultaneously, taking their hostages violently and with complete surprise. The hostages scurried like scared gazelles ducking blasts of water and paint. But there was no escape. The terrorists were in control in the chaotic frenzy.

"Up against the wall!" yelled the kingpin, flashing his gun dangerously. "Now! Or I'll sentence you to watch Jerry Lewis movies 'till eternity!" His face obscured with black nylon and red glop, the crazed gang leader shifted his eyes toward his next target and blasted.

Walkie-talkies scratched out orders against a background of canned machine gun fire. Rooftop lookouts kept outside infiltration at bay. The screaming and yelling of terrified, hysterical students were overwhelming.

The masked insurgents lined their hostages against the wall in the portable, then bound them together bodily to lead them into the large studio to be joined with the other hostages and terrorists.

ALF'S DEMANDS

The head honcho of ALF, Hard Ric Robeson, an assumed name to protect his resume, stood high above fellow terrorists and captive students whipping them into frenzy with the list of demands. They included

-better communication with the main campus

-steady floors for the drafting studio

-reliable equipment that doesn't continually break down

-toilet paper in the washrooms (everybody checked)

-less administrative work by students, ie; support staff for the 50 students at the centre

-a typesetter

-repairs to the coffee machine (it has been out of order for several weeks)

-a clean storage place for large layouts, sizes up to four by five feet, and

-a door for Ken Cosgrove, program co-ordinator, and they chanted, a door for Mr. Cosgrove, a door for Mr. Cosgrove!)

WAS TERRIFYING

Diane, one of the many hostages, totally shaken, said, "I was terrified. I thought it was the end."

Mr. Cosgrove said, "I was also terrified, totally stunned."

Another hostage, Gord, said "We definitely need some new equipment."

It was over as quickly as it had begun. There were no police tactical squads, no invasions from the Canadian Armed Forces, no ninth-hour negotiations. A terrorist was taken hostage by other Fine Arts students. After all, what better model could there be for the drawing lab class?

Replace 'scapegoat'

Felix Lostracco responded angrily to debate calling a byelection to replace him as social convener at Monday's Student Administrative Council meeting.

"It seems to me that you guys are looking for another scapegoat," Felix said. "If I'd had more help I probably wouldn't be leaving. I have everything planned to a T and all you have to do is show up (for the events)."

Chris Naughton, vice-president of finance, brought the subject up near the end of Monday's meeting. The council received Felix's letter of resignation two weeks ago.

"According to the constitution, Randy (the president) can't appoint someone so we should have a byelection," Chris said. He felt the byelection should be held in February and the council should "get on it."

A WASTE

Randy Conlon, SAC president, said he thinks it would be a waste of time to have a byelection because it takes four weeks to get one under way which means "we're looking at the end of February and we'll have someone in for two months."

In support of Chris, Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics, said, "There will be things that will require a social convener."

Considers resigning

Randy 'frustrated'

Randy Conlon is "frustrated" with some of the members of the Student Administrative Council, so much so, he has considered handing in his resignation.

Randy, SAC president, said in an interview Wednesday, he is so upset with council apathy surrounding SAC-sponsored Wintercourse that thoughts of resigning have crossed his mind.

"Only a few people on this council have lifted a finger for Wintercourse," he said. "Felix Lostracco (social convener) and I, along with Elaine Wilson and Rory MacKenzie (student representatives), have done more work for Wintercourse than all the others combined."

He said vice-president Annarita Scremin has helped out, but as far as other members are concerned — namely Chris Naughton, vice-president of finance, Julie Boone, vice-president of athletics, Peter Ruggiero, vice-president of external affairs, and Michael Ferreri, student representative — "they haven't done anything."

FELIX, TOO

Two weeks ago, Felix submitted his resignation to council; he cited a need to concentrate on school as a reason for stepping down from office. Randy, a personal friend of Felix, said he thought the lack of effort on the council "helped make that decision." At last Monday's council meeting, Felix confirmed that he "wouldn't have left if I had more help."

Emotionally and physically drained from planning Wintercourse, Randy said his frustrations mushroomed after his pleading with unco-operative members of the council proved futile.

"I honestly don't know what else I can do. I shouldn't have to go to council members and ask for help. How can people come into the SAC office twice a month and collect their honorarium cheques, without working a little, is beyond me. My conscience wouldn't let me do it."

Randy, "speaking on a professional level," has "absolutely no personal conflicts" with members of SAC; in fact, he said the main goal of the nine-member council, set at the beginning of their terms of office, was to work "as a team." But now he feels centred out, appearing as the bad guy.

"On Monday, Julie and Chris brought it to the council's attention that I had not hired a new poster person. They centred me out and said I wasn't doing my duties. I have to ask myself why it is, when I don't do one thing because I'm busy, I get centred out for it, and all the work that does get done goes unnoticed."

Randy is concerned that those who did not help out with the winter event, will expect to "reap the benefits of SAC."

Randy said he decided to speak out about his frustrations because "the students have a right to know who is doing what for them. Everyone was elected to their positions and the students should know who is carrying the load."

Future pubs

Felix Lostracco, social convener, has organized five pubs for the next two months and all were approved during Monday's Student Administrative Council meeting.

For February there are three pubs planned, one for Valentine's day, a Beach Pub to celebrate the beginning of Study Week and a mini-pub, "just because it's free," Felix said. In March one pub will follow the Beatlemania theme and with another to recognize St. Patrick's Day.

Editorials

College grads work, University grads reap

When it comes down to the crunch, the college graduate is just as, if not more, employable than his university counterpart. Colleges tend to provide a specialized, practical education — one potential employers find more than adequate. Why then are universities receiving more funding?

Niagara College has taken its fair share of cutbacks over the last year, and yet it has an enviable record of graduate job placement. Statistics for the last three years are optimistic: In 1986, 88 per cent were employed in related and unrelated jobs; in 1987, the figure was 95 per cent, and, in 1988, 94 per cent. Impressive indeed!

It's high time those who decide how to divy up education tax dollars take a hard look at the statistics and ask: Who will become productive tax-payers faster, the university or college graduate? Then, and only then, can the wisest investment be made.

Blair Burgess

U.S. accepts credits Why not here?

Niagara College graduates may be able to transfer credits from college to university in the future.

It's about time universities began accepting college students as equals. Niagara graduates have been able to transfer credits to American universities but not to Canadian universities or, sometimes, even other colleges.

There is no justification for this one way transfer of credits; university students can transfer their credits for college credits, yet, the same practice is not reversed.

University and college students have been in competition for years and, unfortunately, when it comes down to a job situation, the university graduate always seems to win.

Perhaps the transfer of college credits is only the beginning of accepting college graduates for what they are: people who have trained long and hard to become experts in the field they have chosen.

Julie Slack

Bullpit — Potholes from hell

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

Like Black Holes in our universe which swallow light, greedy, crater-like potholes are consuming defenceless, unsuspecting vehicles of Niagara's motoring populace.

College parking lots have become lunar-pocked wastelands where axles and tires are spit out derisively by yawning, malevolent apertures.

These chassis-chewing, tire-trashing lairs have wreaked havoc on cars with an oppressive vengeance. Impossible to dodge, their chaos is averted only with the talisman of an extended warranty.

Has the cost of gravel and manpower risen to such heights that fixing potholes is an unjustifiable expenditure in an epoch of budgetary restraint?

For the sake of our cars, both foreign and domestic, we ask for the repair of these horror hollows. The continued murder and maiming of four-wheeled fellow inhabitants of the planet Earth is a travesty of gargantuan proportions.

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Smokenders

True confessions coax quitters

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

There were 40 or 50 of us. Nobody was hacking, nobody coughed, maybe a few cleared their throats. Mostly we blushed from facing truths about the addiction we resented referring to — smoking.

It was like the AA meeting we'd heard about but never attended. Someone who'd been there and beaten it and was here to share with us the horrendous and honest details of his life as a smoker, what he'd done and how he overcame the addiction.

It was the introductory seminar of Smokenders Jan. 12, one of four seminars that recruited more than 100 people who were willing to withdraw from their dependency on nicotine.

On the chalkboard in a classroom built for 25 students was written Smile! Relax! Lite up! Cigarette cravings could have been satisfied without lighting one up in that room. It was cloudy.

ALL IDENTIFIED

But it was light. Humorous anecdotes from moderator David Hagarty, 35-year veteran smoker, kept an anxious audience at ease. The truth hurts. It affected all of us. Smokers of two, five, 10, 20 years identified with common situations all related to their nasty, costly habit. Burns and burn holes, smoke odors, cleaning bills, direct and indirect costs that go nowhere but up in smoke.

Mr. Hagarty outlined his job in the Smokenders program and then described ours.

"My job is to share my experience with you as a smoker, to tell you all the things I did as a smoker, and all the fears and all the rationalizations I had about smoking and quitting smoking. Your job is to decide whether to become a member of this program."

A repetitive discourse on the whens, whys, hows of smoking *was the continued, consistent* theme. He and his program were here to teach us to un-learn smoking. In retrospect, it is reminiscent of de-briefing, an unbrainwashing of a self-inflicted physical addiction.

"Think of your first cigarette, how awkward, how awful," he said. "But you persisted. Then you learned the tricks, the games. You told yourself you liked it. You taught yourself to enjoy it."

Virtually no soul at that first meeting did not register for the program. He was an effective speaker. He'd done his job.

After the fourth meeting, he guaranteed us we would not smoke, nor would we desire a smoke. It would be calm, comfortable, and non-fattening. We would be ready.

Friendly advice

Niagara College's counselling centre offers peer tutoring for student experiencing academic difficulties, but it may soon offer "peer advising" for first-year students needing advice other than academic.

Peer tutoring will be "orientating them (first-year students) to get established," Maurice Bosey, co-ordinator, said.

In peer advising, senior students will give junior students non-academic advice in areas such as solving study problems and where one may go to have fun.

He said the "wheels" are in motion to begin offering the service in Sept., 1989.

FOCUS

St. Kitts' campus Nurse needed

First-aid certificates just aren't enough to handle any real accidents at the St. Catharines (Wellandvale) campus, two staff members said Monday.

Mary Lou Orr, program co-ordinator for Ontario Basic Skills and member of a college council committee studying the reinstatement of health services, said a full-time nurse is the only solution to the problem.

Mrs. Orr's committee will make its presentation before the College Council on Feb. 14. If its recommendations are passed, they will be presented to the Board of Governors by Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

"Can you equate an RN with a two-day first-aid course every three years?", she asked, adding that some shop teachers "feel" lucky no life-threatening accidents have occurred since the nurse's position vanished last July.

"I don't like depending on luck. What are we waiting for, a real serious accident?"

The campus offers a number of courses, such as welding, in which there is a possibility of injury-producing accidents.

Sylvia Bagley, secretary at the campus, said if an emergency situation came up, not many people would know who has first-aid training.

"Since the nurse has been taken away, there doesn't seem to be a policy set out in case of emergency. We must have designated people who have St. John's, but we haven't even received a list of who they are."

Mrs. Bagley said she would call an ambulance, "but who pays if they aren't covered? No one has ever said the college would pay."

The health nurse was utilized frequently at the Wellandvale campus, according to a report drafted last year by Counselling and Health Services.

LOTS OF CONTACT

"In 1987 at the campus, with approximately 450 in daily attendance over 12 months, the nurse recorded 4,751 student-nurse contacts. At the main campus, with 3,500 students attending college over an eight-month period, there were 2,979 student-nurse contacts. This year when we are about to engage a special needs co-ordinator and begin to establish special services for the disabled and special needs students, we expect an increase in demand for health services, not a decrease."

Mrs. Orr said a nurse is an integral part of triangle of support services, including the counsellors and teachers. When the nurse is not administering first-aid, she counsells students on health-related subjects, such as AIDS, birth control, drugs, and depression. Many times she is the only person students could confide in.

"You aren't losing any face when you go to a nurse for an aspirin; she'll find out if there's more to it than that," Mrs. Orr said.

The nurse can be credited with keeping many students in a school where "the attrition rate is very, very high." She often identified potential problems by checking each student's health form. She would follow up and see if they needed extra help.

"She was aware of a crisis before it could happen," Mrs. Orr said.

"The nurse told us if someone was epileptic, and alert us to the fact that there might be a problem," Mrs. Bagley said.

The health forms aren't used at the campus anymore because "they are confidential and no one is here to do anything about it anyway," Mrs. Orr said.

Dan Gillard, a General Motors apprentice, is hard at work in one of the shop classes at the St. Catharines campus. If an accident occurs in any of the shops, there is no nurse available for immediate action.

Photo by Blair Burgess

Nurse at Mohawk 'obvious necessity'

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

A full-time nurse on campus is an "obvious necessity", according to the manager of Health Services at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

Margo Goffin, head nurse at the Health Centre said having a nurse at the college is important to save time and money.

"We are helping the college out although it is hard to prove financially," Mrs. Goffin said. "We save the college money because the people who visit us don't have to go off campus; no one is missing time from classes."

The health centre at Mohawk serves more than 8,000 full-time students and faculty. It employs one full-time and one part-time doctor, and four full-time nurses that work at the college's four campuses; there is one part-time nurse who works five days within a 10-day period.

COLLEGE FUNDED

She said the health centre is funded by the college.

"We have our own budget used for medical and occupational health. Funding is from the college but money the doctors get from OHIP (the Ontario Health Insurance Plan) is put back into the college's funds."

Because the college has so many students, Mrs. Goffin said the centre is always busy.

"On the average, we see about 70 people a day. Nurses see patients themselves, handing out aspirins or giving counselling. There are about 40 each day that see a nurse only; about 20-30 need to see the doctor."

LOTS OF TREATMENT

She said the nurses treat sports injuries, flu, abdominal pains, administer allergy shots and counsel about birth control. Emergency situations are not foreign to the nurses.

"Just the other day we were called to a heart attack," Mrs. Goffin said. "We're a mini-emergency room."

She said having a properly staffed health clinic provides extra insurance for the college, helping "liability-wise."

"There is a lot less chance of a lawsuit if nurses are on staff."

The Mohawk College Health Centre is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, with nurses always on duty.

One student's story

'I fainted dead away'

By JULIE SLACK
Staff Writer

I had a terrifying experience Wednesday morning. In the darkroom, I was overcome with a nauseated feeling. As I raced to the washroom, I broke into a cold sweat. All I could see were stars. When I finally reached the washroom, I saw only blackness. I collapsed onto the floor where I remained unconscious for several seconds.

I'm not sure how much later Austin Jelbert, journalism-print co-ordinator, and Gail Atkinson, fellow student, arrived in the washroom. I was quite shaken, weak and pale. A frightening thought hit me: what if I was really sick? What if I needed a doctor or even a nurse? I could die here at the college and no one would be here to save me except for my teacher and Gail.

Thank God, Gail had been a lifeguard at one time and she knew exactly how to treat me. She told me to sit down and put my head between my knees so the blood would start to flow to my head. Placing cold paper towels over my neck, Gail was able to bring me back to full consciousness.

Had there been a medical staff on campus, I would have gone down to the Health Centre for a checkover. I was worried about my fainting spell because nothing like that had ever happened to me before.

All I can say is that I am relieved nothing more serious has happened to me or anyone else. Something as small as my experience was terrifying enough on its own.

From page one BTSD protest

The problem is the result ot the heterogenity of the class, Mr. Backler said. Previously, the program had two or three classes which could be streamlined into groups at the same or similar levels. "Now you have all three groups in one class and you don't have the opportunity to give as much attention as these students would like."

A meeting is planned with Mr. Backler and the class for today in Room 211 or 105 at the St. Catharines campus. Niagara College responded to the letter by scheduling two BTSD teachers, Iris Later and Joe Brandy, extra periods for help during the week.

"While both are short-term solutions, they do provide you with the opportunity to have increased time with instructors," a letter from Mr. Backler to the students says.

"It's been a lesson in intimidation," Lissa said. "The whole system is ridiculous." The course outlines are inadequate and the textbooks given don't match up with tests given. "Everything is just a mess — there's no control over anything."

Teachers do not have time to deal with students on an individual basis and everyone is in so many levels at one time that it's just awful, Lissa said. "It's all going on at once and it is impossible."

Students are going into a classroom expected to learn on their own but it gets to a point where they cannot learn anything and they have to wait a half-hour or more to get help with the smallest problem, Lissa said.

The need for more teachers is the students' primary complaint. The college has got to split levels up a bit and get more teachers is the solution, Lissa said.

"My math teacher is supposed to be teaching three levels of math, two levels of science, two levels of biology, two levels of chemistry and physics, all in one classroom learning all these things at once," she said. It is confusing when one person is asking questions on how to add and subract whole numbers while the next is asking about quadratic equations.

Mr. Backler wants to try to see if there is any activity at St. Catharines campus which can be joined with the BTSD class and somehow integrate the two. "We need to try to see if there is anything we can do to meet the needs of the BTSD students."

Brock has full-time nurse

Brock University, with 4,500 full-time and 4,000 part-time students, has its health needs met by a full-time nurse and doctors available every morning and three afternoons a week.

Five doctors rotate shifts providing examinations, prescriptions and referrals to other doctors, Joyce England, Brock University Health Centre receptionist, said.

The service sees an average of 50 students a day and is "paid as part of tuition fees," Mrs. England said. The university also has a prescription drug plan which refunds students for any prescriptions they require during the school term.

Edgar's T no mystery

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

Edgar T.'s surname may be a mystery to some but to others, the T stands for talent and tenacity.

Edgar T., a solo guitarist, entertained another small crowd at the mini-pub held in the cafeteria last Friday. Only 56 people saw the performer, who plays acoustic and electric guitar to pre-recorded drum, bass, and piano sounds.

Edgar kicked off the show with a range of popular music from the past decade. Hooked up to a portable microphone, he strolled through the crowd crooning tunes from Bruce Springsteen, Simon and Garfunkel, John Cougar Mellencamp and Canadian folksinger Valdi. His musical prowess surfaced when he performed a great version of Sting's Englishman in New York, a nominal feat considering the range of pre-recorded sounds needed to spew from his musical computer. The crowd grew more enthusiastic when he began Peter Gabriel's classic Salisbury Hill and the Steve Miller Band's Joker.

Edgar T. is just "getting into the swing" of the college and university curcuit again after taking a break for the holidays.

"I haven't played universities yet," he said. "But in the next while I'll be heading east — to Dartmouth, N.S., Halifax, Kingston and Montreal. I'll be playing some great clubs like the Lower Deck in Halifax and Crickets in Dartmouth."

Goes solo

Entering the music industry many years ago with a partner, billing themselves as the Edgar James Company, Edgar broke away from the duo this year — his first year as a soloist. The split has allowed him to make changes in the music.

"Playing alone is very different. It allows me a lot more room to do musical things. The revival rock and roll 60s and 70s stuff was beginning to grate on me; now I can do stuff from the early 50s as well as 80s stuff."

The progress he has made musically is partially due to the equipment he uses, a minicomputer called a Sequencer. Through it, Edgar programs notes from his piano to get the different instrumental sounds; strings, bass and piano are just some of the computer's range of musical capabilities.

"It's a long process. It takes many hours to dissect the songs (for each of the instruments) to cover it as well as I can."

He uses a wireless microphone, which, he said, "changed his show."

Responsive

He said the equipment allows the audience to be more receptive and responsive with the music. Because of this, Edgar is not intimidated by small crowds like the one in the cafeteria.

"I'd rather play to 30 people who are listening and enjoying the show, than 500 people who aren't."

EDGAR T

Guitarist Edgar T entertained a small but enthusiastic crowd at the mini-pub last Friday, singing old favorites and current hits. His wireless microphone allows him to stroll through the crowd, adding a personal touch to each performance, breaking the barriers between audience and artist. Edgar is planning to record his first album in May; it will be recorded live as Edgar disdains working in the studio.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

In a business where solo guitarists like Edgar run rampant, he has definite plans and ideas for his career.

Edgar has a mountainous task before him if he plans to stand above the other musicians like him. He said in today's music business a performer has to work to be noticed.

Edgar's style of music permits him to be expressive and colorful, proving a live audience is his true medium; he credits his style to that of legendary storyteller Harry Chapin.

"I want imagery to be a big part of my music. Chapin was a magic man at getting a picture to form in the mind — he didn't need videos."

Big plans

Edgar has gargantuan plans for the future, coupled with great determination. He wants to begin a musical education series that will boost the musical interests of school children.

"I believe in education and music to bring people together; it really is the universal language. And it upsets me to see schools solely pushing academics rather than music or technology."

Edgar plans two shows in the series — one on the history of music for children in grades 5-8, and a second which will lean towards life skills.

Edgar T.'s last name may be a mystery to the common masses, but if this talented man continues to fight his way through the industry with the fervor as was illustrated to the Niagara College crowd, in time it may be a mystery no more.

SAC passes bylaws for constitution

The vice-president of external affairs must prepare a monthly newsletter for all satellite campuses, and members must avoid conflict of interest, the Student Administrative Council decided Monday.

These were among eight bylaws passed. A committee, formed in October, went through the minutes of the councils for the past three or four years taking out some of the motions that had been passed and making them into bylaws that will be added to SAC's constitution, Randy Conlon, president said.

One requires the vice-president of external affairs to "prepare and send a monthly newsletter to all satellite campuses updating them on all SAC information deemed necessary."

Another will be a conflict of interest policy stating that any member of the board of directors (SAC) must abstain from voting if any personal or monetary gain may be acheived by that member.

TO LAWYER

Although the bylaws were passed by the 1988/89 council, they "will not take effect for our council and still must go to a lawyer," Randy said.

Other bylaws included one which requires council members to submit a report of any conference attended that is SAC-related; if not submitted within two weeks, the council will take "punitive action"; the executive vice-president must hold at least one class representative meeting a month; and procedure was set for paying executives for their gas by mileage, with the option of a Cost of Living Allowance clause.

The main objective of the committee, comprising Randy; Annarita Scremin, executive vice-president; Felix Lostracco, social convener; Elaine Wilson and Rory MacKenzie, group representatives; and Brigette Chiki, college counsellor, set up to prepare the bylaws for the council's approval was to get them "down on paper," Randy said.

The bylaws will also include a requirement that a general meeting headed by the chairperson be held within the last month of each term; the vice-president of finance must present a monthly budget to the council updating it on the financial status of SAC; and group representatives must present a weekly report at all SAC meetings as the executives do now.

Payment by mileage will be: from 0 to 250 kilometres, 27.5 cents per km; from 250 to 400 kilometres, 20 cents per km; from 400 to 600 kilometres, 17 cents per km; from 600 to 1,000 kilometres, 15 cents per km; from 1,000 kilometres and up, 10 cents per km.

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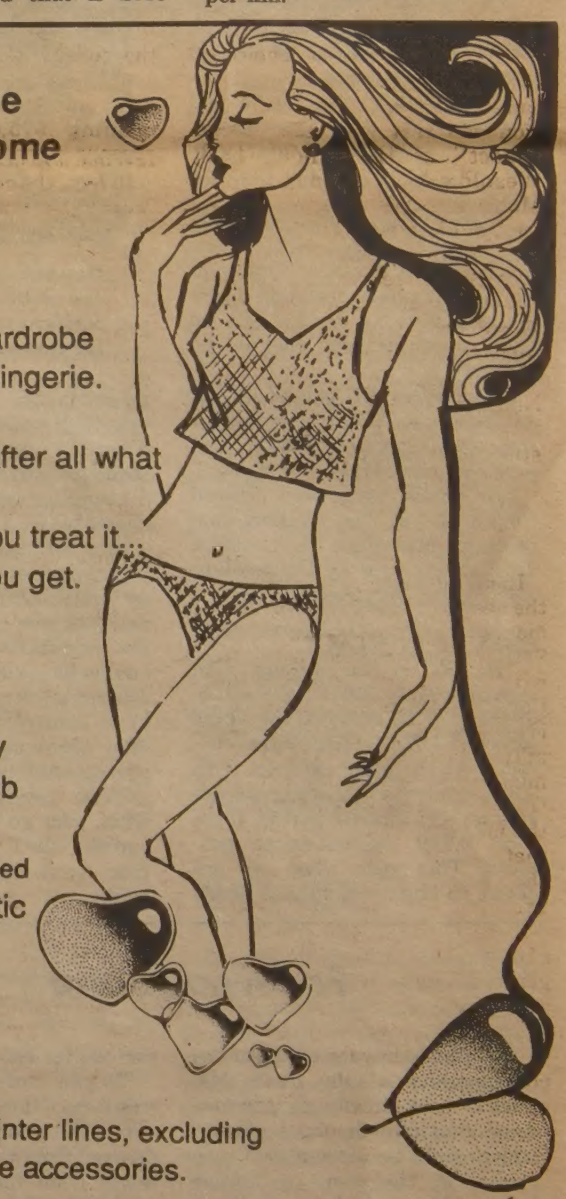

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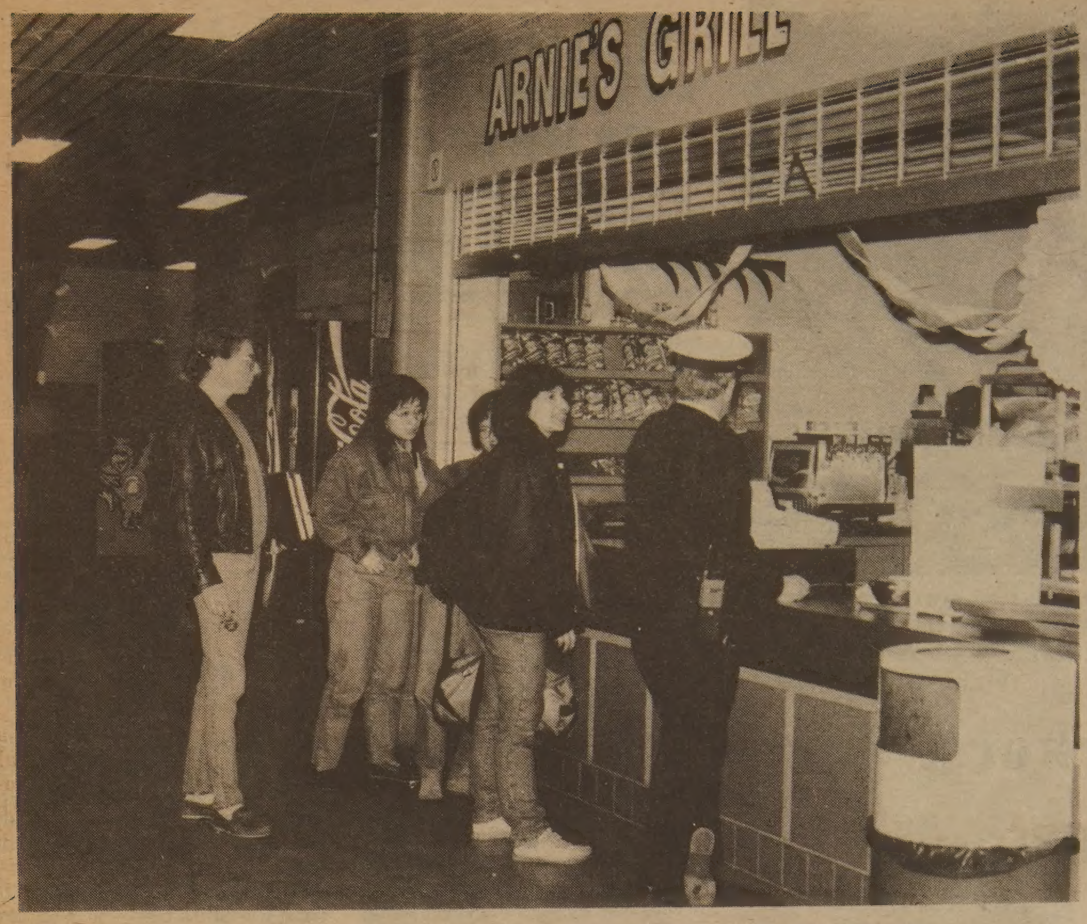


Mohawk's Arnies Grill features tavernlike edibles such as chicken wings, nachos, onion rings and hamburgers for full-time and night school students. Students are also serviced from another counter that opens up into the pub area.
Photo by Fran Yanor

Coin-operated games occupy half the space in the Tuck Shop. It also carries clothing with the school logo; brewery-sponsored articles, like Fosters tacky ties and underwear; good quality running shoes; cigarettes and various other miscellaneous items.
Photo by Fran Yanor

Recreation Centre draws students, money

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

If students have the choice of two different colleges with the same programs, their final decision will rest with the "social aspect" of the school, Dick Wesolowski, manager of Mohawk's student recreation centre, said last week.

A major contributor to Mohawk's recreation centre development committee, Mr. Wesolowski stressed the importance of a centre and offered advice based on experience for Niagara College's proposed student centre, still in the embryo stage of the planning process.

In an interview, he emphasized the need to keep the planning and management of Niagara's centre "student-government oriented, with some input by administration." Although their "expertise" is needed, the "management committee should report not to the administration but to the Board of Governors...and the personnel to the management committee." In that way the centre is working for the students and not the college executives.

Nevertheless, the real key should be "where you can generate money from." Since the pub will be the largest source of income, Niagara must study competing bars in the area, and other possible "market areas," to determine demographically the population that would support the new facility.

The Arnie

Mohawk's pub, The Arnie, with a capacity of 525 to 550, attracts patrons from outside the college community and is rented out for wedding receptions, dinners and personal functions, Randy Stephenson, vice-president of programming for the Student Representative Council, said. Its full-length retractable wall allows for two simultaneous parties, thus increasing revenue.

Mr. Wesolowski said, although the college kicks in half of the $150,000 annual cost to run the pub, The Arnie pays for the remaining $75,000 itself from revenue it generates over the year.

In fact, the centre as a whole, is "running so efficiently it is almost at a self-sufficient point,"Mr. Stephenson said.

The only remaining expenditure involved in the construction of the $3 million centre is a $1 million interest-free loan, floated from consumer services — profits from such things as the bookstore, the cafeteria, and the tennis club — through the Board of Governors, Mr. Wesolowski said. On a seven-year repayment plan, a $20 student tax levy is covering the expense.

Mr. Stephenson explained that the Student Union Corporation played a large part in the financial success of the centre. "Based on the concept that business entities of this size usually lose money over the first few years, SUC has budgeted for this at a declining value per year... that's how we're ahead of schedule, we don't have to use that capital to pay off the loan."

Foundation

Mohawk had a stronger financial foundation than Niagara boasts. A $600,000 kitty built from previous pub profits, surplus activities and 10 years of surplus activity fees were invested for a couple of years at 21 per cent,"quickly doubling what we had," Mr. Wesolowski said. Their cash was then increased with a $750,000 "outright grant" from the administration in a "trade of space," bringing their total workable assets up to about $2 million.

Despite the solid base, Mr. Wesolowski said, in talks with representatives of the ministry, "they clearly understood that ministry funds were not being used," but were still hesitant about giving approval to the centre. "If we had not shown a profit at the old bar (cafeteria pubs), obviously they wouldn't have paid."

Grant

The $750,000 "grant" stemmed from the administration's need for additional office space and responsibility to "provide chair space," he explained — the college only had seating for about 950 students. With a, then, full-time student population of 4,500, it was "the mandate of the institution" to offer a place for students to sit. Thus, the administration exchanged the $750,000 grant for the 3,000 square feet of prime space the student government was holding.

The centre now produces income from several sources, $20,000 a year from the "games area," that includes coin-operated pooltables, video and pinball machines in the pub area; $10,000 annually — with a sizable increase expected for this year — from the Tuck Shop, that sports "The Arnie" sweatshirts, pants, t-shirts and mugs, brewery-sponsored merchandise and several video games.

This profit could be turned back "for student use, rather than increasing the student activity fee to lower the overhead," Mr. Wesolowski said.

The college claims the centre didn't make a profit last year. Mr. Wesolowski said it did $30,000 worth. He said the administration added an "operational expense" into the budget with a depreciation figure of $50,000 a year on the centre. Because of this, the books read that the centre is $20,000 in the red.

"The administration pushed this through so the students wouldn't feel they had money to spend,"he said.

Phase three

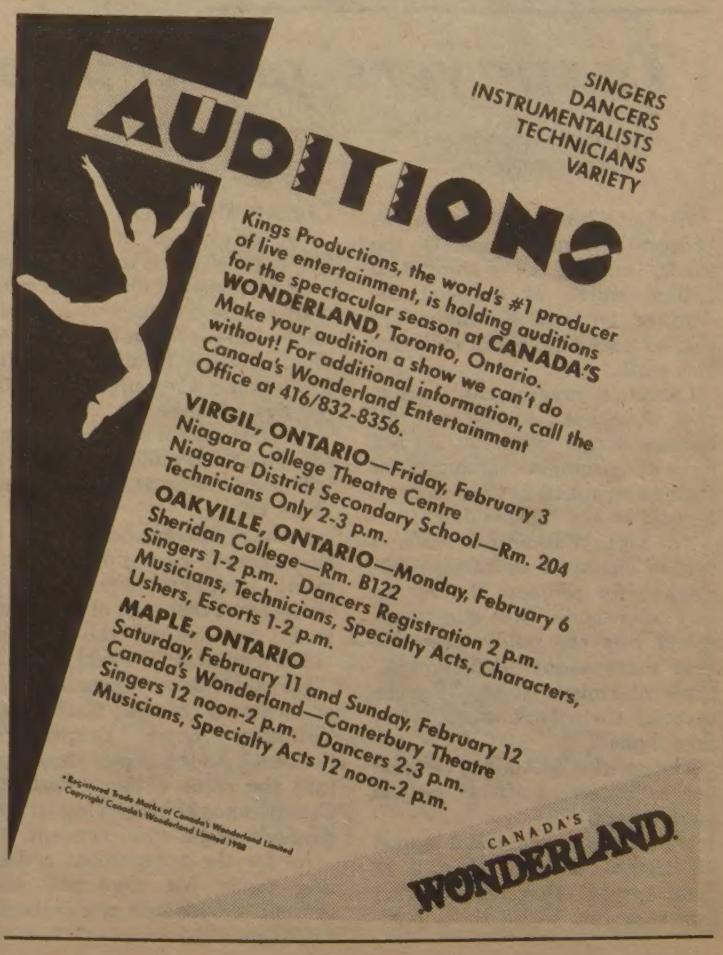
The college is already working on drawings for phase three. This includes a $150,000 to $200,000 athletic complex that was already budgeted for in the approximate $3 million cost of the centre. Mr. Stephenson said plans are already being discussed for a 200-bed residence that, ideally, they would prefer to construct in conjunction with the new gym, even if it meant a longer wait.

In addition, the college plans to install a bank, with an instant teller, for the students' convenience.

Features

Other features of the centre are: a patio (with a DJ in the summer) directly accessible to the pub; overlooking the patio, the four-month-old Alumni Hall, a posh bar geared towards the night school clientele, serving only domestic and imported beer in a more relaxed atmosphere; The Arnie Grill, with two service counters, one in the pub and one in the hallway opposite to the Tuck Shop; Lingers, a trendy cafe that offers "yuppie pastries," baked daily with freshly ground gourmet coffee; four meeting rooms, located upstairs beside spacious SRC offices, with retractable walls between them; a printing service, in The Satellite newsroom; the CHMR radio office and storage area with the DJ booth located behind glass overlooking the 30-foot high pub; an electric typewriting room for students; and the SRC boardroom, across the hall.

"There is still a lot of growth and development potential," Mr. Stephenson said, "Ten years down the road, this place will be phenomenal."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CANADA'S WONDERLAND

Workers all over the Niagara region came to Niagara College for an 80-hour course instructor training program. The program, sponsored by the Workers Health and Safety Centre, assembled 16 workers representing the steel, newspaper, and wine industries, and focused on new legislation that requires all workers to be aware of hazards in their workplace.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Safety course trains workers, industry to get their message

Sixteen workers from the Niagara region graduated from the Safety in the Workplace seminar conducted at Niagara College.

The group, from management and labor, including one woman, completed the 80-hour instructor training program that involved lectures, films and speakers; the course is designed to teach participants how to instruct workers at their own factories and plants about workplace hazards.

Julien Dionne, instructor for the course running from Jan. 9 to Jan. 20, said the program "proves to be the most effective training procedure in the province."

GRASS ROOTS

"It's a real grass roots program," the Steelworkers representative from Sudbury, Ont., said.

The program is sponsored by the Workers Health and Safety Centre, set up to meet the health and safety training needs of workers and their organizations. This year, the centre added the challenge of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) — and its new legislation that requires all workers to be taught about the system and the occupational hazards they face and how these hazards can be controlled.

"All workers must be taught about the hazards they work with," Mr. Dionne said. "This course teaches the teachers."

EFFECTIVE

Mr. Dionne said the Workers Health and Safety Centre instructors training program is particularly effective because "workers are teaching workers."

"The key is that these people know their own industries; they can relate to other workers. They know, they're there."

During the first week of the course, participants planned a presentation they would make during the second week. They were taught about objective writing, the use of the media for presentations, adult education techniques and evaluation techniques.

Week two was spent on three-hour presentations from each participant. Topics discussed were: Occupational Health and Safety Act; WHMIS legislation and information delivery; cancer; WHMIS Hazard Occupational Health and Control of Hazards; and WHMIS hazard classes on compound gases, flammable and combustible material, oxidizing material, materials causing immediate and serious toxic effects, materials causing other toxic effects, biohazardous infectous material, corrosives and dangerously reactive material.

Mr. Dionne said the program was paid for by employers.

"They will pay for the cost of the seminars and provide wages for lost time."

The instructor training program was organized by Don Fraser, Workers Health and Safety Centre representative for this area.

Participants came from a wide range of industries: the steel, newspaper, contracting and wine industries were represented

Ker well experienced as new co-ordinator

Ron G. Ker is now the new co-ordinator of the management/labor relations certificate program. The part-time position replaces the full-time position left open by Don Currie, who retired last year.

The program, a nine-course evening class, is geared toward educating businesses, industries, and agencies with the necessary skills to handle labor-management problems in the workplace.

Along with his 18 years of experience in the field of human resources, Mr. Ker is a long-time active member of the program's advisory committee. Since finding out his new position with the college, he has had to resign from the committee.

His new duties will include promoting the program, and expanding it into new market areas, arranging advisory committee meetings; and reviewing course content. He will also teach one course in each of the fall and winter terms.

Mr. Ker has his own company, R.G. Ker and Associates, a consulting firm to management in personnel, labor relations and workers compensation matters; he has held senior positions in Canada Post, and Trailmobile Canada Ltd. (now Fruehaauf).

RON KER

Mr. Ker has held human relations positions within the Niagara Region at Ferranti-Packard Ltd., W.S. Tyler Company of Canada Ltd., and Foster Wheeler Canada Ltd.

In 1969, Mr. Ker graduated from the State University of New York with his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He has also taken such courses as personnel and organization, industrial relations, general management, supervisory training, and workers'compensation.

Foundation fund given recent boost

By MARGARET BOAL
Staff Writer

The fundraising drive for Niagara College's new Tourism Hospitality Training Centre was given a real boost. The fundraising campaign received a $5,000 donation from a Niagara Falls hotel owner, $1,000 from the proceeds of a champagne raffle and an undetermined amount from a staff Christmas buffet.

Michael Gruyich, owner of Michael's Inn, donated $1,000 and pledged an additional $4,000 to the fundraising campaign. Mr. Gruyich challenged local restaurant and hotel owners to match or exceed his donation.

The calender staff in Continuing Education held a raffle for a case of Hillebrand champagne with proceeds going to the new training facility. Tickets were $5 and a total of $1,000 was raised.

A staff Christmas buffet, organized by Marlene Cain, was held on Dec.21 in the cafeteria. The buffet was $8.75 per person and included both hot and cold dishes. Proceeds are going to the fundraising campaign for the new centre but the amount has not yet been determined.

MORE THAN $18,000

To date, the Niagara College Foundation has raised more than $18,000, 11 per cent of its targeted goal.

The staff of Niagara College alone has accounted for $6,914.82. Commission on the sale of the specially blended Niagara College wine to college staff has reached $614.82 and donations, both cash and authorized payroll deductions, total $6,300

The campaign also received $9,645 from suppliers, $610 from the proceeds of Vintage Night, $485.80 from industry and $100 from various contributors.

Charles Complin, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, said the foundation and campaign committee chairman Emil Rinderlin are working on fundraising projects for the coming months.

One is a Valentine's Gala. Tickets will be sold for $10 and the winners will receive dinner for eight at the Victoria Park Restaurant overlooking Niagara Falls. The winner and guests will be picked up and driven home in a limousine.

Mr. Complin sent out letters to people in the hospitality industry asking for a donation of $200 for the new centre. Contributors in return will receive a case of the Niagara College wine. So far there has been only one participant, but Mr. Complin is hoping for a greater response in the weeks to come.

The Niagara College Foundation is trying to raise $200,000 before August for the new facility.

Auditor General at Brock

Taxpayers' pockets 'picked': Dye

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

He puts his signature on the "biggest balance sheet in the world," coming out to about $1.3 trillion worth of transactions, Auditor General Kenneth Dye told a Brock University audience last week.

Canada's government audit is the "biggest in the world" because larger countries do not have all-encompassing audits for their government as Canada does, he said at the theatre Jan. 18.

The highest auditor in the land told of examples of moneys earmarked for projects finding its way elsewhere. One questioner asked why the public does not hear more about "disciplining" those who misuse funds. "I guess because there isn't much," Mr. Dye replied.

The position of Auditor General has a "deterrent effect" on the government.

If the government said it lopped off 15,000 workers, then it is "guaranteed" that the contractors they hire to fill those positions will cost "a hell of a lot more," Mr. Dye said.

CLEAR MESSAGE

"When you're in my game, you're sensitive as to how you get your message out clearly." A common theme throughout his talk was the importance of disseminating information. "Information is a resource and an expensive resource."

Mr. Dye said if the government can save $100 million one year, it will mean saving $1.7 billion a few years later.

Some politicians believe that if the actual price tag of a government program were known beforehand, then a lot of programs would not get off the ground; "that's cynical," he added.

He said there are three levels of government in St. Catharines "picking their taxpayers' pockets." All the money should go into the same coffer: "Perhaps Canada should be moving to the mode of single audit concept."

As for the government collecting taxes, Mr. Dye said the system "moves from one extreme to the other." The "quiet majority" should not be punished for those who do not pay their taxes; the government should be "firm, fair and vigilant (in tax collection)...The system is equitable."

People should understand public debts. Parliamentarians must understand deficits and debts; they do not get enough information and analysis of public debt and deficit.

MUST BORROW

The Auditor General said the government must borrow money to operate.

He reports to MPs, many of who do not read his report. As well as the printed report, he puts his report on disk, accessible to all, and two years in row made it into a video.He has published "follow ups" to his report.

Mr. Dye said he also detects "efficiencies."

Mr. Dye, appointed Auditor-General April 1, 1981, spoke in the packed amphitheatre for the Excellence of the Eighties speaker series, sponsered by the School of Administrative Studies.

Protest letter

OCCSPA has recommended that the student member of the Board of Governors be given full voting privileges, the term of office run parallel to that of the Student Administrative Council and guidelines be set for electing a student to the board.

These proposals of the Ontario Community College Student Presidents' Association will be submitted in a letter to Charles Pascal, chairman of the Council of Regents, which controls all colleges in Ontario, Randy Conlon, SAC president, said. They were agreed upon during an OCCSPA meeting Jan. 14.

The student member of the board is not merely a representative of the students, but also a member of the board and should have full voting privileges during meetings, Randy said.

Clarifying success for students

By TERRY MOORE
Staff Writer

He was introduced as a man "who will inspire, challenge and motivate you to be the best that you can be."

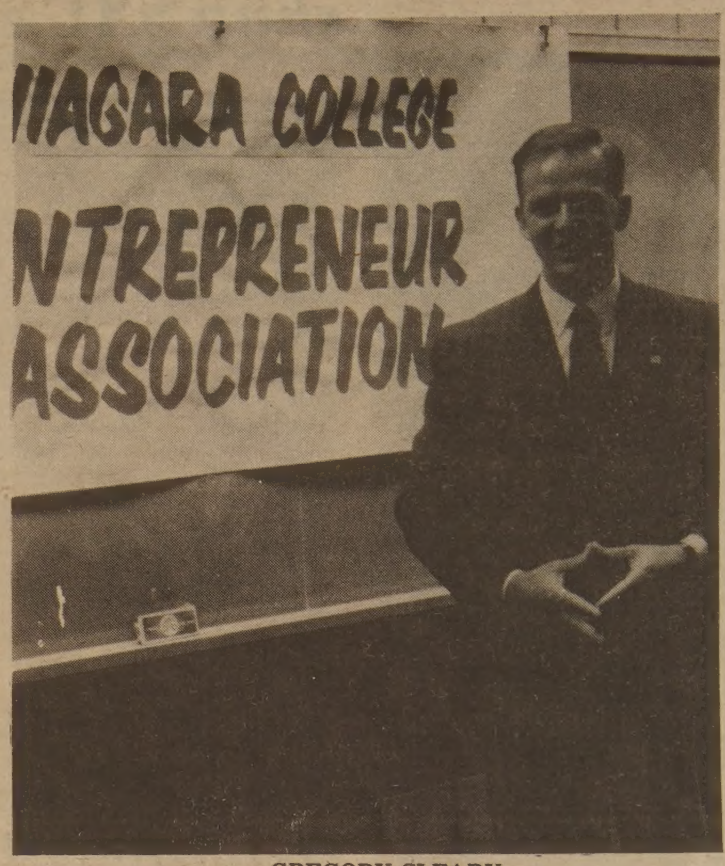
Gregory Cleary has spent more than two thousand hours studying the success concept.

"I became obsessed with this question — why are some people more successful than others?"

He was the youngest manager in his company and at age 27 has a six-figure income. He is president of Peak Performance, a Toronto-based company which presents corporate motivational seminars. This is Mr. Cleary's third visit to Niagara College in the three years he has been with the company.

He began the 7 p.m. event, presented by the Entreprenueurs Association by relating a Japanese parable — one of a few he used during the evening. It was 2,000 years ago in Central Japan, a son was performing the customary ritual of carrying his dying mother into the jungle to let her die there. As they travelled, she broke branches and let them fall. When he asked her why, she said so he will be able to find his way.

Mr. Cleary said that it was his intent "to break off a branch or two" while sharing his key success elements with the audience of more than 70 in the Secord Room last Thursday.



GREGORY CLEARY

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"The people who need this the most aren't here tonight," he said. "but don't worry about them as competition — you are the top 10 per cent.

Success is luck — ask any failure," he said, pointing out success is, indeed, predictable — persist, and eventually a person will succeed.

Dream. "Dream so big it keeps you awake at nighttime. How can you be motivated unless you have a dream?

"Big goals, big dreams...if you don't have goals, you will be forever condemned to helping others achieve their goals...goalsetting is the master key leading to success. Success begins with a piece of paper, a pencil and you."

Love your work. "It amazes me how many people hate their jobs. The major reason for finacial failure is hating your work. If you hate your job, you can never be excellent at it."

Third, he said, never, NEVER concede or consider failure — act as if it is impossible to fail — "fake it, 'till you make it." Millionaires go broke an average of 2.3 times before making it big. They will admit to setbacks, but to defeat, never.

Mr. Cleary cited Thomas Edison, who, after 5,000 electricity experiments, said, "I have not failed — I have identified 5,000 ideas that don't work."

PLAN TO FAIL

"People don't plan to fail — they fail to plan," he said, advising people to develop a clear sense of direction. "It's not how far you fall, it's how high you bounce that counts."

He said that because all life's turning points come from taking new information and using it wisely, it is vitally important to be teachable and open to new ideas — to be a "perpetual learning machine."

Develop a sense of urgency about things. "Good things come to those who wait except what is left by those who hustle."

Concentrate on one thing at a time, and back plans with dreams, determination and persistence. "Persistence is a habit just as quitting is a habit" and self-discipline is the key ingredient in both, he said. "The road to success is always under construction."

"If you want to live an above average life, you have to become an above average person." Take these ideas and run with them, Mr. Cleary implored his captive audience.

SPEND A LITTLE

"What we become is what we read after all the teachers are done with us." The average person spends $300 on personal grooming annually, but only $3 on mental grooming. "What is the difference between someone who can't read and someone who won't read?" If you feed your mind with nothing but mental candy, you'll end up with a junky mind. Unlock your inborn genius, he said. Everyone here has had four ideas that if pursued, would make him a millionaire.

As the hour approached 10 p.m., Mr. Cleary offered the audience an imaginary guaranteed success pill and asked them what they would like most to do. Then, he said, that's what you should be doing.

USES POEM

He wound down the seminar with a poem, If I Could Live It Over, by 85-year-old Nadine Stair, a parable of a fisherman and a park ranger.

Year after year the fisherman would return from his trips with loads of fish, while the baffled ranger tried to coax the secret fishing location from the man. Finally the fisherman agreed to take him, but only on the condition that he remain absolutely silent throughout.

When the two were in the middle of the lake, the fisherman pulled out one of two grenades, tugged out the pin, and threw it into the lake. After the explosion, he began nonchalantly scooping the fish in as the incredulous ranger shreiked at him.

The fisherman put the net down, pulled the pin from the other grenade and plunked it on his lap. "Are you going to talk, or are you going to fish?"

To end the seminar Mr. Cleary clipped from a measuring tape the number of years people spend in everyday endeavours compared to average lifespan. Twenty years remained for achieving everything one wants to, making "every hour that passes more valuable."

"I hope I've been able to break off a few branches."

"Go for it — let's do it."

Investigating OSAP 'cheaters'

Niagara College has reported about 10 students to the verification department of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities over possible Ontario Student Assistance Program cheating, Kathy Borisenko, financial aid clerk, said this week.

"They are a lot more difficult to deal with than we are," Mrs. Borisenko said.

About 42 per cent of 3,300 students enrolled at the college receive OSAP.

Elaine Spark, financial aid officer and Mrs. Borisenko, go through files, talk with students, and check transcripts to find OSAP cheaters.

"We're really clamping down on those not attending classes" and who are not giving school much effort, she said.

The maximum grant award is $2,500 per term for an "A" student. The maximum Canada Student Loan is $3,750 per year, and if the student receives more loan than that, money is funnelled into the Ontario Student Loan, which goes up to $1,800 per year.

And for students who simply fill out their application incorrectly, applications are audited one, two, or three years afterwards, with a good chance that a student will be paying back more, Mrs. Borisenko said.

"Because the ministry hasn't contacted you this year doesn't mean they have forgotten about you."

Letters

He doesn't agree: pub sheer success

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the article in Vol. 19. No. 6 - "One hour good, one hour bad, Wilcox wows sell-out crowd". I don't know which pub the writer of the article was at, but when I was finished reading it, it was painfully obvious she wasn't at the same one I was.

As her article stated, this is the first sell-out crowd at a college pub in four years. Now that in itself should tell you something about David Wilcox, but even that didn't seem to impress her! And then she writes this: "But then something very tired and very bad happened. Breakfast with the Clowns lightened up and slowed down the set and everyone else in the cafeteria.".

First of all *your're* the clown; it's Breakfast at the Circus! Anyway, that is one of his latest songs so he played it since most of the audience would be familiar with it. And if one slow song is going to slow you down, maybe you should have saved $9 and stayed home.

Now if that wasn't enough, she had the nerve to get technical and say: "Monotony in sound and some bad vibrations from feedback...", maybe if she'd take her head out of the speakers for a second, she'd realize that David Wilcox is a guitar god! When she is signed to a major record label, and has put out platinum after platinum album, maybe she'd have the right to criticize other musicians' work.

Lastly, I would like to say that I have been to each one of the college on-campus pubs and I can't remember when I had so much fun. Next time I think the newspaper should send someone who can appreciate good music. And that, my friends, is the "Wide View."

Glen McCall
Law and Security Program

Sacred rituals story entrances reader

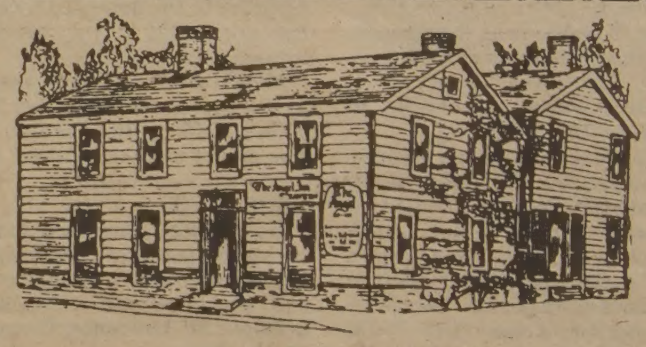
Dear Editor:

Mark Tayti is to be commended for the phenomenal job that he has done in reviewing the performance of sacred song and dance music of Tibet (Niagara News Jan. 20, 1989).

The review was comprehensive and analytical at the same time. relating to and writing with such good understanding about something as unknown, strange and foreign as music and dance of Tibet so deeply rooted in Buddhism (another rather unfamiliar factor) could not have been easy, not to mention all those difficult names.

Mark, I wanted you to know that I am most impressed by your sincerity and precision. Congratulations to you and your mentors and journalism teachers, Mrs. Blue and Mr. Jelbert — for the job so well done.

Sincerely
Alexandra Fic



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Sports

An outstanding season for the women's volleyball Knights, although from these eleven team members, only six remain to carry the team into the finals. From left, standing, Coach Judy Halaiko, Leah Kulas, Jody Smith, Pat Reynders, Jeannie Leighfield, Jackie McCollum, Tami James. Seated from left, Christine Andrews, Sharon Grenier, Lynn Brochu, B.J. Frost, Peggy Bonisteel.

Women's volleyball team second in OCAA standings

BY GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

The results are in. Second place in OCAA standings for women's volleyball belongs to the Niagara Knights. Of 11 teams in their division, split into two pools, the Knights demonstrated their intense competitive spirit, achieving a meteoric rise to second-dom, with half their original team members.

The Knights held their league standings coming away with three wins and three losses, in a weekend league tournament in Sudbury Jan. 20 and 21.

"The first game on the first day we played the first place team, Loyalist(Belleville). Nobody's beaten them," Coach Judy Halaiko said. "We gave them a good game but couldn't seem to get those extra points." Scores for Loyalist were a close 15-12, 15-13.

The Knights met Algonquin Caats (Nepean, near Ottawa) in the second match and lost 15-8 but made comebacks of 15-10 and 15-11.

TOUGH MATCH

"We lost to Fleming (Peterborough). It was a real tough match," Miss Halaiko said. Niagara took the first game 15-10, but lost the next two 15-13, 15-13.

"It was during that last game that Jody Smith hurt her foot. She didn't even realize until she got back to the hotel and took off her shoe, that it was severely injured."

Miss Halaiko said Jody was out for the season with the stress fracture. "We'll really miss her, she was one of my key blockers."

BEAT TWO

Going into Saturday's games with only six players, the Knights battled George Brown, Toronto, and won 15-8 and 15-9. They defeated St. Lawrence, Cornwall 15-11, 15-9.

Two hours behind schedule, at 6 p.m. Saturday, the Niagara Knights fought to keep the score tight but didn't make the win against St. Lawrence, Kingston, 15-13, 15-10.

"Everybody plays with heart, they play as a team," Miss Halaiko said. "They're all stars, that's why they play so well. I just can't say enough..."

The team is down to six players because of injuries, having to find jobs that cut into playing time, school workloads that demand more time, but the six remaining are determined to make their place in the record books. The two-year-old-team is having an outstanding season.

The last tournament of the season is Saturday, Feb. 4, at Redeemer in Ancaster and two weeks later the division finals begin.

Appraisals complete

The fate of the St. Catharines campus and the acreage on the Welland campus should be known by the end of January or beginning of February.

Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said the appraisals are complete but will not be made public. A more comprehensive study conducted by IBI Group, a consulting company, is to be completed this month. They were hired by the college to take a "consultive look at the possibilities beyond the appraisals...and other alternatives and uses for the property."

The objective for the appraisals and the feasibility studies is to determine the "best use for the land for generating the best return to the college," he explained in an earlier interview.

Options being considered by the college are selling the St. Catharines campus and relocating to an alternative facility within the city, keeping the property and refurbishing the building, selling part of the Welland property, or leasing that nine to 10 acres to an outside developer with construction of a student residence a possibility.

Definite plans for the properties will be made public after their presentation before the Board of Governors by the beginning of February, Mr. van der Slagt estimated.

Apathetic students shun SAC excursions

The bus for Don Cherry's bar in Hamilton is scheduled to roll away empty if students don't start buying tickets. So far nobody has signed up.

Randy Conlon, president Student Administrative Council, said, "The student apathy in the school is incredible."

Randy said tickets "are not selling," for most of the events scheduled for the week of Wintercourse at the college.

SAC has planned for two bus trips during the five consecutive days : a trip to the Bakery, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and the trip to Don Cherry's.

The trip to the Bakery, a bar in Niagara Falls N.Y., is $20. The price includes transportation, an open bar for four hours and chicken wings. The bus is leaving the school at 7 p.m. on Tues. Jan. 31; it leaves for Canada at 1 a.m. Wednesday.

The trip to Don Cherry's bar is leaving the Welland campus on Thurs. Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m., and returning at 12:45 a.m. Friday. Cost per ticket is $6.

"The Bakery trip is selling well, but nobody has bought a ticket to the Don Cherry trip," Randy said. As for the Wednesday event, which features Messenjah, a Reggae band, "We're not having any success with Messenjah."

Randy said that of 3,000 students, the SAC-sponsored events have been drawing about two per cent of the students.

"If this Wintercourse doesn't go over, I'll be at a point where I don't know what to do. I will have come to the conclusion that the students don't want to have anything to do with SAC-sponsored events."

Broadcasting students want new speakers

Second-year broadcasting students want their voices heard, and they have big plans to revamp the system to get their way.

"We want to upgrade the sound system," Erin Whalen, promotional director for the college's radio station, said. "It's long been known that the present system is inadequate."

Erin has been to the Student Administrative Council to arrange a time when they can sell an idea to SAC. The radio program is hoping to get SAC's support when it begins projects to raise the capital to buy new speakers.

"Once we talk to SAC, we realize that anything we do will have to be cleared through administration."

Helping Erin co-ordinate the project are Dave Illman, second-year radio and CRNC's program director, and Mike Plowright, second-year student and programming assistant. The three said "a new sound system would help the program, the council and the college."

"The radio station is unable to fulfil its mandate of providing a public service to the college because "nobody hears it," Dave said. The whole class feels cut off from the college because the station does not get the proper exposure. "All we are doing is looking for a voice in the college community."

PROMOTE SAC

With that voice, Dave said the station could help promote SAC activities, and "help bring the school out." He said poor turnout at SAC-sponsored events is not due to student apathy, but because "SAC doesn't publicize enough."

The radio station wants to organize its own pubs to help subsidize the cost of the speakers as well as put on some promotions and remote location shows.

"We want to work with SAC, but if we don't get their support, we will go through with our plan anyway," Mike said. The first stage of the plan is to replace six speakers at a total cost of about $1,200 to $1,500.

Dave said the station would like to see the musical format change once the new speakers are in place. "We're fine-tuning the program. We want to buy more records, and add to our limited library of "oldie goldies." The group said it had some money saved and it is looking into applying for a grant.

IN BY APRIL

"We want to have some of the new speakers in place by the time we leave the school in April," Dave said.

The trio said they were not out to make any radical changes at the radio station. "We're not going to play punk music all day, but we would like to be able to provide quality sound that is closer to what the students want to hear, and at the same time, operate within the framework of having the required 30 per cent Canadian content," Dave said.

The station would like to be a little more competitive with other radio stations and to be able to offer the students an alternative to stations broadcasting outside the college, Erin said.

Dispute resolved

A controversy over advertising at Niagara's Welland campus has apparently been resolved with the St. Catharines Senate vowing to make the first move in getting together with the Student Administrative Council in planning events.

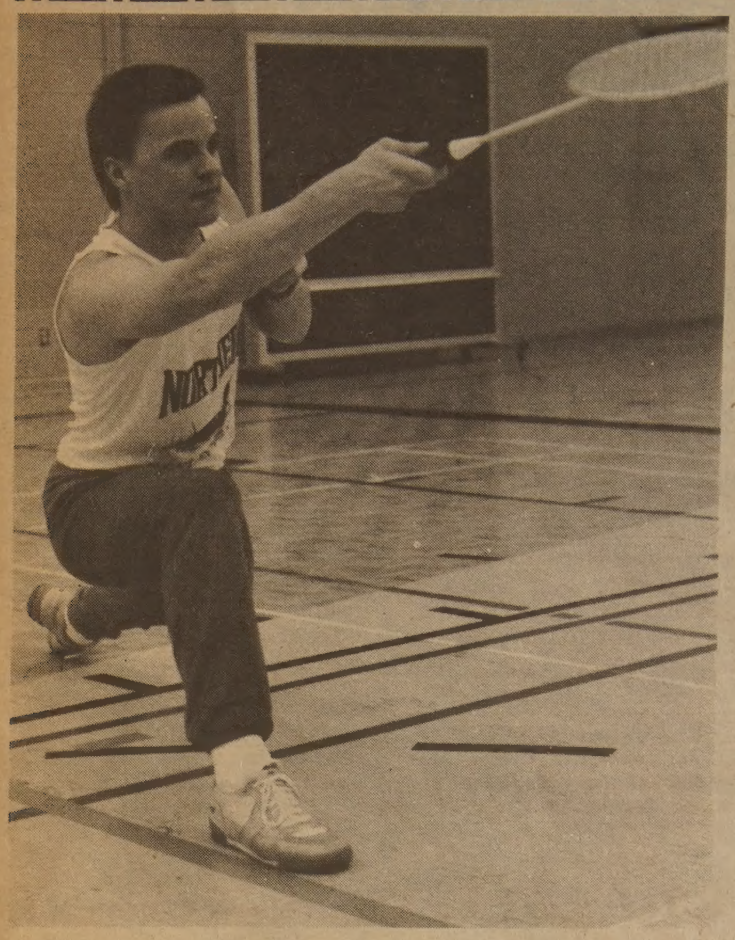
The Senate complained last week that SAC had restricted advertising of Senate events at the Welland campus and didn't want to have anything to do with it. "I just feel if they don't want to have anything to do with us, we'll go our own way and do what we want to do," Carolyn Mason, Senate president, said.

"I was never even aware there was a problem until the paper last week," Randy said. SAC is willing to work with the Senate but since they're not fee-paying students, there is no onus on SAC to provide for them, he said. "However, there is no reason why we can't (co-operate) and they're more than welcome to participate in SAC events."

"We're still willing to get together," Darrell Hill, Senate vice-president, said. "We will make the first move." The Senate does not want to create a hostile situation which the next groups will have to deal with. "We would like nothing more than to get this thing straightened out," he said.

Rick Derosier, Senate event chairman, said, "We take time off school to go to Welland and spend the whole afternoon putting up posters. If we get together, they could put up our posters and we could put up theirs. It would make everyone's job a little easier."

Sports



J.R. Mac Donald shows his form at badminton practice Tuesday night. J.R. and partner Paul Taylor have been practicing hard and will play a defensive game at the OCAA West Regionals Feb. 10 and 11 in Niagara Falls. Photo by Bernie Puchalski

Peggy Ancher reaches for the bird during an intense game of badminton on Tuesday. Peggy and partner Ginne Thivierge are a strong attack team and have a good shot at advancing to the OCAA championships by finishing first or second at the regionals.

Knights dominate all-stars

Mike Moordian led the Niagara Knights to a convincing 10-2 victory over the Southern Ontario Secondary School Association zone three hockey league all-star team.

The Knights totally dominated the game from start to finish leading 4-0 after the first period and 7-0 after two, Saturday night at the Welland Arena.

Jamie MacCaskill, Mike Martineau, Dan Ruetz, Blake Sawyer Brian Rome, Stu Gallardi and Jim Denardi scored for the Knights.

In the assist department, James Ward and Brian Rome had three each while Mike Moordian set up two and Stu Gallardi, Jim Denardi, and Paul Taylor added single assists.

Aside from age and size, the Knights were a much more cohesive team. The high school all-stars only had one practice in preparation for the contest.

For the all-stars, Tom Glesby of Welland High scored with assists going to Paul Laloma of Centennial and Mike Dakin of Welland High.

John Carmichael of Notre Dame got the second goal for the all-stars with assists from Greg Haymes and Ron Ternowski of Notre Dame.

Ooops

The date of the Blue Jays home opener, which SAC planned to send two bus loads of fans, is Fri., April 14 — not Fri. April 12 as reported in last week's newspaper. The Niagara News regrets the error.

Niagara set for badminton season

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

The makeup of Niagara's badminton team is set for the 1988-89 season. Coach Mark Nelson said the prospects for the team at the West Regionals are good.

Members of this year's team include Ginne Thivierge, Peggy Ancher, Mona Campbell, Leah Kulas, Tammy Winger, J.R. MacDonald, Paul Taylor, Wayne Prinsen, Mike Huinik and Steve Lebrasseur.

The West Regionals will be held in Niagara Falls on Feb. 10 and 11 with teams from St. Clair, Sheridan, Lambton, Mohawk, Fanshawe, and Redeemer College. First and second place finishers move on to the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association championships in late February.

The women's doubles team is Niagara's best hope for badminton glory. Ginne Thivierge and Peggy Ancher captured the Garden City Doubles Badminton Tournament in early November and their strong attack game could produce good results.

"We're a good attack team," Peggy said. The team's attacking style translates into being good on offence, Ginne said. The women still require some work on their serving and positioning. "We have our problems with serving."

The women play a rotation system in badminton which means they rotate from playing side by side to front and back. They feel positioning is what they have to work on. "We tend to forget sometimes,"Ginne said.

Playing women's singles are Leah Kulas and Mona Campbell. Mona has yet to settle on what type of game plan she will employ at the regionals. The women have been working hard in practices and the effort could produce results. "Practices are tough and they're competitive because everyone plays each other," Mona said.

The men's double team comprising Paul Taylor and J.R. MacDonald will play a defensive style at the regionals. "Our style is more defence and to wait for the other guys to make mistakes," Paul said. The team has good serving but needs work on "just smart play, making the right shot at the right time," he said.

GETTING READY

The men have been working hard in practice getting ready for tournaments. This involves lots of running, working with weights and exercises which involve jumping up and down, J.R. said. "We practise as hard as we can," Paul said.

Playing singles for the men are Wayne Prinsen and Mike Huinik. Wayne wants to improve his clears and smashes before the season ends. For the regionals, he "plans to put on more offence with smashes and deeper shots." The strongest part of his game is a drop shot from the back of the court, he said.

The mixed doubles team comprises Steve Lebrasseur and Tammy Winger. Coach Mark Nelson said this year's team is considerably better than last year's and the team's hard work could pay dividends at the West Regionals.

Coach overshadows team

Tough competition provides valuable experience

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

The play of Niagara's badminton team was overshadowed by the accomplishments of their coach, Mark Nelson, at an A and B level tournament last Friday and Saturday in Woodstock. Mark captured the men's A doubles event with partner Ron Taylor and lost in the semi-finals of the men's A singles event.

Niagara's team placed four teams in the semi-finals of the B consolation mixed doubles event with Peggy Ancher and Mike Huinik emerging as the winners.

Mark and Ron captured the final of the doubles event by scores of 15-8 and 15-6 and Mark lost his semi-final singles match to Ian Russell of the Kitchener Waterloo Granite Club by scores of 15-8, 6-15, and 15-11.

HIGH CALIBRE

The tournament's A and B designation denotes a high calibre of badminton. Coach Nelson, a three-time national doubles champion, said the teams were "exposed to (a level of) badminton that they probably hadn't seen before." They knew what they were in for and they came off the court happy to get two or three points against excellent players, he said.

Team member J. R. MacDonald said the tournament was good experience. "The seeded players help us out and show us how to hit good shots," he said.

"The competition was rather tough," Wayne Prinson said. "My first game I played the second seed in Canada." This type of competition is valuable experience because a person plays more to watch and learn from the better players than going out and win.

COMPETITION STRONG

"We learned from the tournament," Ginne Thivierge said. Her partner, Peggy Ancher, said the competition was strong.

The team is really coming along and showing a lot of improvement, Mark said. "They really put a lot of effort into practices." The Woodstock tourney was the team's second tournament as it prepares for the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association West Regionals on Feb. 10 and 11.

The prospects for the team at the regionals are good. Coach Nelson expects to have three of four players finish in the top two in their event and qualify for the OCAA championships at Redeemer College at the end of February. "I can't see anybody on our team finishing worse than fourth."

NEEDS TO RELAX

The one area where the team needs improvement is relaxing on the court, Mark said. The players have a hard time channeling their nervousness. "They get out on the court and squeeze their racket grips so hard it looks like they are flexing their muscles."

"It gets tense, just like going into any other sport," J. R, said.

"It's really noticeable because it is just two guys out in the open," Paul Taylor said.

"Once the first birds get hit, you kind of settle in," Wayne said.

Mona Campbell agreed with her coach about being too nervous but feels it's because they don't receive enough funds to travel to tournaments. "The volleyball team goes on so many tournaments and we've only gone to two. It's unfair, we don't actually experience the feeling of being confident in our game."

Life would be a dream at NC Florida campus

By BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writer

The best part about attending the Niagara College Florida campus (NCF) would be registering for the winter term. Having survived a hernia picked up tunnelling through the bad, bad, nine feet of snow that drifts between the porch and the car (you know, the one with the dead battery), anyone would be more than willing to shell out the cash and attend college in the sunny south.

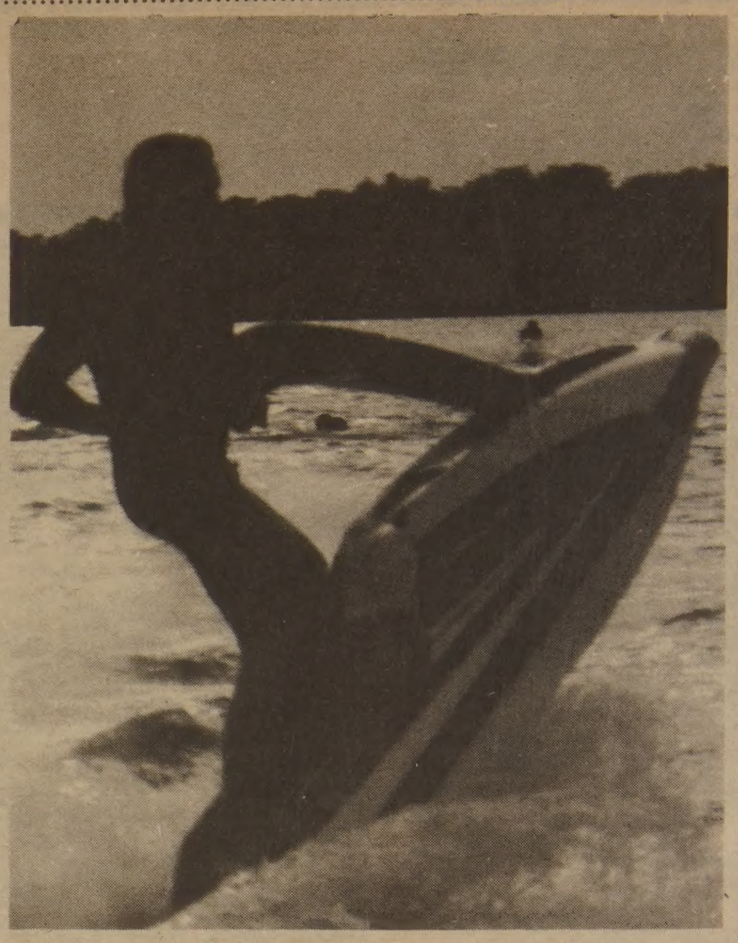
The key to success at any college is happiness. Scientific studies have shown, on more than one occasion, that sunshine inspires happiness. Happy people produce more. They tend to dig enthusiastically into homework and assignments with such an overload of delight that there's a risk of never being able to wipe that perma-smile from their faces. Sunshine equals happiness equals productivity. An equation as important as Einstein's theory of relativity.

There's land in Florida, lots and lots of land, and believe it or not, it's cheap. If the college invested in some of this beautiful (warm) land, plunked down a few classrooms, set up a few courses, hired a few teachers, and, most importantly, recruited a few students — a revolution in education would take place. Students would want to go to school, they'd be climbing the walls during the off-season, daydreaming of outdoor classroom assignments.

Totally abandoning the climatic spasms of Welland would be impossible — the city would scream bloody murder. Only a select few would be permitted access to the Garden of Eden Florida campus for the continuance of academic studies. Only those who attain an average of 85 per cent and over would be eligible for the beaches — the rest would be sentenced to freeze. Now that's a sure-fire way to motivate students. Niagara College would be producing Rhodes Scholars in no time.

The rate of post-Christmas student attrition is alarming, and no one seems able to figure it out, but there is an answer and it has four words: snow, ice, wind, frost-bite. The solution has one simple and meaningful word: Florida.

The best would have to be Jet Skiing 100...



Jet Skiing would be one of the many exciting courses offered at the Niagara College Florida Campus. That's only if the campus existed, outside the imagination of frozen Canadian collegiates.

Photo by Blair Burgess

Students laud CE quality

By MARGARET BOAL
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Continuing Education Service faculty should stand up and take a bow. A survey of students registered last year gave a high rating to CE services.

Eighty-six per cent of those surveyed thought the quality of instruction was "good" to "excellent"; 85 per cent found all staff involved helpful; and 80 per cent thought that CE would assist them in meeting their career goals, according to a recent survey report outlining the results of the questionnaire.

The survey of 799 part-time students was designed to give a "first hand impression" of the service quality of CE and its instructors.

The questionnaire was made up of 88 questions dealing with 230 points of information and was the collective effort of Gail Hilyer, director of continuing education services, and Duncan MacDuff, training consultant for the Ontario Skills Development Office. Dr. Nora McCardell, the former executive director of educational and student services, had a helping hand in the survey as well.

NO SURPRISE

It comes as no surprise to Ms. Hilyer that the quality of continuing education services was rated so highly; she attributes it to the department's high levels of energy and enthusiasm.

"We have put in a great deal of effort to make the college more accessible to the community," she said. "It is a result of lots of energy and lots of enthusiasm on the part of the staff."

Their efforts have paid off. The number of registrants in continuing education services has risen from 16,309 in 1981-82 to 28,500 in 1987-88. The projected registration for 1988-89 is 32,000.

CE services is much more than night school and non-credit courses; it is made up of six departments with six functions: The Ontario Skills Development program, Calendar Services department, Contract Services department, Administrative Support Services, Youth Employment Services and Ontario Skills Incentive Program.

"Everybody works together," Ms. Hilyer said. "Continuing education services is a big operation so we need to support each other."

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

Former PM a Canadian enigma

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

The sphinx, in Greek mythology, was a winged monster at Thebes that killed all who could not answer the riddle it put to them.

No less significant a historical figure, in Canada, Pierre Elliott Trudeau often deals with trespassers this way — using his stinging wit to reduce both political foes and journalists.

"He enjoyed being an enigma," Ron Graham, a veteran political columnist, said. "Sometimes he deliberately created his own contradictions, such as pirouetting for the cameras behind the back of the Queen of England."

People either loved or hated him. At one end of the spectrum there was Trudeaumania; while, at the other end, Richard Nixon called him "that asshole Trudeau," on one of his famous Oval Office microphones.

Distinguished

Trudeau was born in Montreal into a wealthy family and received a distinguished education at College Jean de Brebeuf, the Universite de Montreal, Harvard, and the London School of Economics.

His education, foreign travels and intellectual insight introduced him to the dangers in nationalism.

"Intellectually Trudeau was neither a socialist, a centralist, a nationalist, nor an autocrat. He was a classic nineteenth-century liberal who cherished the freedom of the individual, the decentralization of power, and democratic rights," Mr. Graham said in his book, One Eyed Kings.

Having become involved in politics during the Quiet Revolution, Trudeau was persuaded to enter, and eventually win, the race for the Liberal leader when Prime Minister Pearson announced his retirement in 1967. His style, charm, and intelligence captivated the country and in a quickly called election, he captured a comfortable majority. It was Trudeaumania.

Trudeaumania

"Trudeaumania was a mass lunacy for a charismatic leader with a magic wand," Mr. Graham said. "English Canada and French Canada were expressing a desire to be led to goodness, if not greatness. Far from being frightened by his 'socialist' background, they ignored his classic liberal tenets and fastened onto his strength, his commitment to social justice and minority rights, and his faith in Canada — all of which aroused their deference to authority, collective sharing, and national community."

But despite his widely applauded handling of the October Crisis, Trudeau quickly became viewed as arrogant and uncaring.

In 1974, Trudeau won another election, but his popularity continued to slide when he imposed the wage and price controls he campaigned against during the election.

Crisis

His troubles continued when economic crisis was compounded when separatist Rene Levesque's Parti Quebecois won power in Quebec and his 1971 marriage to Margaret Sinclair broke up. As the gloss continued to fade on the idol, Canadians got a good look at the real man — and found him wanting.

"Trudeau had changed very little in a decade for someone who had come into office with so much new hope, so much good will, and so much strength," Mr. Graham said. Canadians were frustrated with him.

However, after losing an election to his political antithesis, Joe Clark, Trudeau won a majority in 1980.

"The people hadn't loved him since 1972," said the Liberals pollster, Martin Goldfarb. "They respected him. They were prepared to follow him, they believed he wouldn't lead them astray, they trusted that he would know what to do in a crunch, all because they had a tremendous admiration for his intellect.

Afraid

"But they were afraid of it too. They felt he could deceive them at his will. They wanted a smart guy at the top, but they don't like smart guys. This is a country that loves loggers and hockey players who can fight, not philosophers and artists. Trudeau was truly an intellectual, and Canadians didn't know how to handle him because he wasn't a part of their psyche."

In a moment of national crisis, however, Canadians turned to him.

In office once more, Trudeau intervened in the Quebec Referendum of May 1980, and contributed to the defeat of the Parti Quebecois' Sovereignty-Association proposals.

Also decisive was the provincial consent he finally secured for the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and bringing The Constitution home in 1982, a victory obtained through a tough-minded policy.

"In a time of crushing economic conditions, he undertook the most concerted effort at nationbuilding since Confederation," Mr. Graham said of Trudeau's political will.

Determined

The effort tramped on toes in both the east and Quebec; but, true to form, he refused to back down.

"If the country splits because I'm trying to patriate the constitution and introduce a Charter of Rights, then it deserves to split," Trudeau said.

His job was finished, and Trudeau announced his intention to retire. He left unanswered the questions about the country's destiny being asked at the start of his reign. Yet, somehow he left his mark with his powerful intellect — a rarity in Canadian politics. He was both admired and hated. A true enigma, or, as in the ancient legends, a Sphinx.

Amendments bring changes to executive

A neutral chairperson will be appointed and the title of social convener changed if additions to the Student Administrative Council constitution are approved.

Additions to the SAC constitution passed at Monday's meeting have to be approved by a lawyer before they can be implemented.

If they are approved, the chairperson will receive $100 a month (with the option of a Cost of Living Allowance clause), must be a full-time student of the college and follow specific guidelines which will be set out in the section of the constitution where the job descriptions of all other SAC executives are set out.

The title of Social Convener will be changed to vice-president of social affairs.

The chairperson will not be able to take part in debates. Duties will include conducting the meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order and the SAC constitution; preparing an agenda and distributing it 24 hours before the meeting and being available to help with organization, promotion and execution of SAC events.

The chairperson may be removed with a two thirds majority of the council with a secret vote.